YE OLD FOLKS' TIME

Pioneer Day Spent at the Lake With Pleasure.

MANY PLEASING INCIDENTS

Aunt Jane Smith's Bonnet-Mr. Patton's Speech--List of the Dead. Stockbridge Speaks.

Grand Rapids was 60 years old yealer-day and its birthday was celebrated in a manner worthy of the day. Nature seemed to smile the sweetest June time smile, and the very leaves and blades of ass and wild marguerites on the pretty ores of Reed's lake emiled and waved corresons welcome to the fathers and others of the Valley City. After 10 decit each car that arrived at the lake brought a delegation until noon when a large crowd filled the pavilion and grounds. The first to arrive were residents of the city, but before noon the county for twenty miles around had contributed to the crowd and few townships in the county were without their representatives. The morning bours were spent in visiting. Aunt Jane Smith told her experience at the world's fair. She says she was there two weeks and wors the same hat she wore at the Centennial exposition in 1870. "It is a little out of style, but it's a darned good hat yet," Aunt Jane informed all with whom she talked. Judge Morrison was, perhaps, the most aged man there, he is 88 and all vied in doing him honor.

Capt. Benjamin F. Tracy was there, and white not the oldiest man in the crowd, he has seen all of Grand Rapids for fifty six years, having settled here in 1857. Leonard Covill is another man who, though very feeble and very old, attended the reunion. Aunt Harriet Burton was at all times the center of a group of admiring friends. She was 80 years old yesterday, and it was sixty years ago yesterday that she first arrived in this city. Mrs. Burton is hale and hearty, and shook hands with hundreds and hundreds of friends whom she has known and loved for the past sixty years.

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The two oldest men on the grounds were Le-mard Schneider, 88 years, and Judge Morrison, 88 years. Mr. Schneider is about one month older than Judge Morrison. An attempt was made to get all persons over 80 years old seated together near the speakers' stand, but it failed.

List of Those Present

Among those present were the following: Senator F. B. Steckbridge, Mayor Stuart, Cha. i-s D. Stebbins. Andrew J. Stebbins. W. D. Taiford, W. N. Cook, Reuben S. Smith, Mrs. S. G. Ketcham, Deacon W. Haidane and wife, Leonard Schneider, Capt. B. S. Hanchett, William A. Berkey, Prof. Franklin Everet, T. J. Lucas and wife, James Rodgers, S. S. Bailey, S. L. Fuller, D. D. Mason, W. T. Powers, George W. Allen, Ebenezer Anderson, Albert Barter, S. L. Baidwin, Mrs. W. I. Blakely, Seeley S. Buck, Robert M. Barr, G. A. Bailey, C. G. Brinsmaid, The Rev. W. A. Frye, Lee Kelly of Gaines, Charles Kelly of Gaines, C. C. Comstock, Robert D. Shoemaker and wife, Mrs. Watson, Smith Stevens and wife, Mrs. Watson, Smith Stevens and wife, Mrs. Watson, Smith Stevens and wife, Mrs. and Mrs. Mosca Rosenburg of Byron, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brewer of wife, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Rosenburg of Byron. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brewer of Gaines, William Winegar, L. D. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hilton of Byron. David Hilton. A. D. Greene, Col. P. V. Fox. Mr. and Mrs. Greene of Byron. Thomas Reference, N. L. Avery, Judge Morrison. W. G. Saunders, Capt. B. F. Traey, S. O. Dishman, Mr. and Mrs. Prentice Weaver, William Hathaway, Aunt Sally Weaver, Mrs. James Toland. Mrs. Frank Weaver of Byron. Mr. and Mrs. Duilley Miller, Peter Hawley of Over. Allegan county: Adrian Johnson, Lacrus Bollwood and wife, W. T. Renwick and wife, Leonard Covill, A. E. Moseley and wife, Scimey Berry, Mrs. May Blood, H. B. Childs, C. C. Comstock, William Crawford, L. C. Davidson, Abner Dunham, E. Dart, James Deibee, Thomas Deary, Mrs. John Edison and daughter, George W. Edison, Mrs. Ann Fritz, John Farr, H. H. Guild, E. G. Hills, Charles Hurd, Kennedy Hanna and wife. Joseph Harlan, Charles Hilton, A. Hogadone, Mrs. Hogadone, Foster Kelly of Gains, Orson C. Kellogg, Truman Kellogg, Henry Kelley, James A. Runsey, K. C. Luce, J. M. Livingston, John Luther, William Morman, H. R. Naysmith, Thaddeus Foote, L. D. Putnam, Mrs. Afbert Richards, C. G. Stoneof Lowell, E. O. Stevens and wife, John R. Stuart, J. C. Scott of Walker, G. T. Saunders, Issae Sigle, and wife, John R. Stuart, J. C. Scott of Walker, G. T. Saunders, Issae Sigle, John B. Tanner, Smith Tanner, Mrs. Jacob Windsor, John Walson, Warren Weatherly and wife, Rodney Sessions, the Rev. W. W. Johnston.

president. T. D. Gilbert. Colonel Fox made a brief speech of welcome. He hoped all would go home feeling better for having been there. The national hymn was sung by the audience, led by W. N. Crock and Mrs. Shedd.

our records.

Second—That an engrossed copy of it, signed by the president and secretary, be furnished to the family of our deceased friend. Adopted.

The Death Record.

W. N. Cook then read the mortality list for the past year as follows:
July 21, G. W. Daniels.
July 23, L. R. Atwater.
Aug. 28, Herman Parmalee.
Aug. 29, E. S. Eggleston.
Sept. 14, Mrs. Truman Kellogg.
Sept. 13, Issae H. Parish.
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Sept. 18, J. D. Robinson.
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Sept. 24, Smith Robers.
Dec. 18, James Blair.
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Jan 11. Charles A. Robinson.
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April 14. H. A. Vedders.
March 16. Thomas J. W. Porter.
March 24. Arthur Wood.
May 16. John Cordes.
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May 28. Billius Stocking.
Mr. Cook recited a poem at the close and Wurzburg's band direcursed its awestest Scotch airs while the Rev. W.
W. Johnson complained that it was a waste of time and didn't give anybody a chance to speak. Two boys who knew the clder's hatred for liquor passed a suspicious shaped bottle filled with cold tea which the elder eagerly "swiped" and deposited in his capacious pocket with the remark, "Them rascally boys'll not git nother drink out o' that bottle."
Colonel Fox introduced John Patton, Jr., who was greeted with cheers and applause.

MR. PATTON'S ADDRESS.

As Joel Guild, the first settler, and pioneer, your committee has asked me to make a short address on this inter-esting anniversary. They had but one condition to make, that was to make it esting anniversary. They had but one condition to make, that was to make it short, and to speak of the old settlers in this way is to be like the college student to whom the teacher said. Your time is three minutes, your subject The Immortality of Soul.' They were moved to do this doubtless because owing to circumstances over which I had absolutely no control. I did not come to Grand Rapids by way of the Indian trail. It is one of the curious things, however, in our civilization, that lawyers and editors are expected to instruct the rest of mankind on every occasion, whether they know anything about the subject or not, and my position is as embarraesing as was that of a young man I once heard of on Easter morning. The good bishop of the diocese of the Episcopal church, where he lived, wishing to retain some of the old customs among his people, introduced the quaint greeting of the Easter season. One friend meeting another says. The Lord has risen; the other replies, 'He has risen indeed.' Many of the bishop's congregation adopted this custom, and among them a young lady devout and holy as a saint. Easter morning, meeting a friend, a young man, presumably a member of the bishop's flock, although by reputation not much of a churchman, she said to him. The Lord has risen.' The gentleman stared blankly for a moment and tion not much of a churchman, she said to him. The Lord has risen. The gentleman stared blankly for a moment and then replied hopefully. O really? The next moment furning the corner he met the bishop. With a pleasant smile the old gentleman said. The Lord has risen. This time our friend feeling that something unusual hast happened and not N. Cook and Mrs. Shedd.
The Rev. W. A. Frye offered a prayer of thankfuiness. Colonel Fox introduced the Hon, L. D. Norris, who spoke just telling me. What I know of the

These Blazed the Way.

"They came at a time when the dream of the jesuit missionaries had proved a failure. After two hundred years of such suffering and heroism as the world has rarely seen in attempting Indian conversion, they had seen their converts destroyed, and had sacrificed their own lives to the fury of the all-conquering Iroquoia. These were succeeded by the explorer and discoverer. La Salle had piloted French civilization into the valley of the Mississippi, and died at 43. Father Marquette had made the wonderful cance journey with Joliet of four months, 2,500 miles, until he came within 700 miles of the mouth of the great river with which his name is inseperably linked. These had all passed away and the country was in possession of the coureurs de bois, the fur traders, the voyageurs and Indians. Talon, the Canadian governor, had determined to extend the dominion of France to the southess, and 160 years before the first settlement here, at the Falls of St. Mary, in the presence of delegates from fourteen nations in great numbers; in a solemn congress they were given French protection, a cross of cedar, and beside it a column of cedar with a metal tablet, on which were engraved the arms of France, were raised, and thus in the heart of the continent with hymns and praise the authority and power of France were proclaimed. Now nothing remains of it but the accent on the lips of the half breed.

Astor's Acquilettiveness. These Blased the Way.

"With the passing of the French dominion the founders came and began their labors. A few years ago, at Mackinac, I examined the books of the John Jacob Astor Fur company, which were then kept in the hotel once the headsettlement at Grand Rapids, and he was addressed at the Grand river. I recall one sentence in the letter which throws some light on the habits of the early settlers. The writer said: 'I see you have a neighbor who has recently settled near you by the name of Campau. I hope you will make him De Campau before spring.' The pioneer was looking out a little for the main chance, and did not propose to let the agent of a rival company get any advantage. In later days, while they pitted the condition of the poor red man, while he had free access to their home and was permitted to run in debt freely, the red man found by experience, if tradition is correct, that the old resident was not unmindful of temporal things and fully appreciated the business opportunities embraced within the limits of an Indian payment day.

Sixtieth Anaiversary.

"We celebrate today in this meeting the sixtieth anniversary of the first settlement of Grand Rapids. It seems but a few years in the world's history, but how full they are of mighty events? What one of the pioneets even in his fondest dreams ever conjured up a vision of such a splendid city as we know which lifts the fronts of its gigantic factories and exhibits its stately homes along the river Grand. Its productions now seek every clime and its name is known throughout the earth. The pioneers used to, as soon as they were able, put up a framed house' and move into it, leaving the old log house for a store room. Grand Rapids long ago moved into its 'framed house' and in its busy bustling life is, as Mr. Blaine said, the biggest little city in the country.' We take a just pride in its growth and manufactures and its happy contented people. Its development is one of the

Tribute to Aunt Marriet.

"It is a great thing to have lived a long life in this era of the world's history. We are fortunate today in celebrating not only the sixticth anniversary of the settlement of Grand Rapids but we celebrate as well the birthday, the eightieth birthday of one who came with those settlers early years ago and who sits on this platform, the bonored pinneer, Aun' Marriet Burton. She has seen in her long and eventful life, may it long be spared, almost all-the important contributions to the progress of civilization. The application of steam to travel commerce and manufactures has created a new world. Take, for instance, an contributions to the progress of civilization. The application of steam to travel,
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a new world. Take, for instance, another life as Grandma Lyons, and adopting the summary of a recent writer, we
could say that when 7 years of age she
might have seen Fulton's steamboat on
her trial trip up the Hudson. Until she
was 20 years of age she could not have
found in all the world an iron plow. At
30 she might have traveled on the first
railway train, and in 1889 the world had
350,071 inites of railway. For the first
thirty-three years of her life she relied
on the tinderbox for fire. She was 38
when the first steamer crossed the Atlantic. She was in middle life, 44, when
the first telegram was sent and foriythree years later the world had 780,533
miles of telegraph lines and sent 300,000,000 messages a year. She was 74
when the telephone first came into practical use, and in her last days she has
seen the marvelous electric cars which
have brought us here.

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The pioneers have seen the great American desert vanish from the maps of our country before the resistless tide of emigration which has peopled the mighty west. Sixty-three years ago Chicago was but an Indian trading post. Now, with a population of a million, it leads the world as a lumber market, a provision market and as a manufactory of steel rails, and is the point to which the nations of the earth come for the marvelous exhibition of the triumphs of the century.

"In 1844, there were only fifty persons in San Francisco. Now the city holds over three quarters of a million. As late as 1855 Dr. Fisher, an eminent authority, wrote that in all the vast region between Lake Michigan and the Pacific ocean, there were not more than 5,000 white people. We hear much of overcrowding, and yet all the people of the United States could be put into the single state of Texas and it would not be as densely populated as Germany is to-day. The past has been so wonderful that we dare not predict the glories of the coming time, and it is estimated that in a few years half the civilized people of the globe will be found on this continent.

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"It is the founders of states who are sociation is very delightful, but this city ought to have an Historical society, where relies and history of our carly days could be carefully preserved. The State Historical society is doing a good work, but there should be a local one, that work, but there should be a local one, that coming generations may appreciate the beginnings. I hope to see the time when some of the principal squares of Grand Rapids will be adorned with the statues of the more prominent early settlers. There is no more fascinating page of history than the making the west, and those who enjoy what they purchased so dearly should hold them in continual and lasting remembrance."

Mr. Patton concluded his remarks by reciting Riley's pathetic poem, "A Tale of the Airyly Days."

Senator Stockbridge's Speech.

The Hon. L. D. Norris read a letter written from Grand Rapids by Jonathan Chubb to Mr. Norris' father in 1843, asking the latter to hire a farm hand for

Mayor Stuart was called on for an address. He said he could not refrain from congratulating them all for being permitted to live to see this day. The change and growth of Grand Rapids were equal to anything he ever read in fiction. In behalf of the rising generation he thanked the old residents for the perfection to which they had brought things. In these days of wonderful extravagance and sometimes questionable transactions, it was well that we have still with us the sturdy manhood of the old settlers to give us advice.

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Senator F. B. Stockbridge, who was in the crowd, was called on. Mr. Stock-

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Semi-annual dividend No. 40. The directors of the bank have declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent, payable on and after Saturday, July 1, 1883. F. A. Hall, Cashier.

Don't forget that the G. R. & I. morning train leaves at 8:00 a. m. instead of 10:05, and runs solid to Chicago, stopping at Midway Plaisance and Hyde



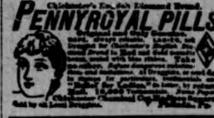
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